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Dear Mr. Rubel,

Kind and thoughtful letters like yours mean much to me, and I thank you for taking the time to write it. I regret I haven't the time for the reply is deserves. I'll try and answer in haste.

On balance, just about all the best evidence of the Warren Commission is against what it says onxthose things that are central. It is true there is evidence on the other side. That is what the Commission used. Do you believe a sergeant is a better authority on what is an easy shot or good shooting that the Commandant of the Marine Corps? I do not. Or take the bag - all the evidence was the way I quoted. None supported the Commission. Nor is there any responsible evidence the other way on the Dallas Police, the interrogations, etc. No, I didn't select unfairly. Another book I have read does. I see nothing good to be gain thereby.

I do not believe there is any solid, credible evidence supporting Oswald's guilt of anything. The Commission, to whose information I restricted myself, didn't have it. I should also make clear that I find Oswald an unapetizing thingm. I have no liking for him.

There is no doubt that no one person could have pulled this off, Certainly no one could have done that shooting. How many there were I do not pretend to know. But on the shooting, assuming there were any number of co-conspirators plant d anyx place on Dealey Plaza. The first shot was enough of a signal for all. With scope , the space from Elm to Main was no problem, wherever they were, I'm inclined to think the flatter the trajectory, the easier the shot.

Oswald is far from alone in not returning to work. He knew that he'd be picked up right away, so he went elsewhere. Maybe he was in on something, maybe he had some romantic notion, maybe he thought he'd need the pistol to defend himself. But he is not the only one who left, and the fact is, as he is supposed to have told the police, he knew there'd be no more work that day. And there wasn't. There was an alarm out on one of the others before him.

Your questions are not irreveland. We must all ask questions, whatever occur to us. There must never be a time when such questions are not appropriate.

Again, thanks for your letter.

Sincerely,